

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 15, 16, and 18-22 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 13, 15, 18, and 22 have been amended, and claims 17, 23, and 24 have been cancelled.

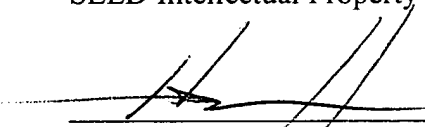
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 1-12 and the subject matter of claims 15-21 and 24. Accordingly, claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 17, claim 15 has been placed in independent form, and claim 22 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 23 and 24. No new matter has been added.

In view the above outlined amendments, applicant understands that all the remaining claims are now in condition for allowance. The claim rejections of the recent Office Action are therefore moot and will not be addressed further herein. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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